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LAHAINA, Maui, June 1st, 1857.

Early on Saturday morning last the "Favorite" brought to this place intelligence of the decease of the Hon. Wm. L. Lee. Although of late little or no hopes were entertained of his recovery, yet the announcement of his death was received in this community with feelings of unmingled sorrow. All classes of men seemed to feel that a good man, a tried and trusty public servant had passed away, never to return.

At three o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, a meeting of the Government officers, members of the Bar and residents generally, was convened at the Court House, when, on motion of P. H. Treadway, Esq., the Hon. E. P. Bond was chosen Chairman, and Mr. J. C. Farwell, Secretary. Upon taking the chair, Mr. Bond alluded briefly, but with much feeling, to the public and private virtues which adorned the character of the deceased. There was, he said, a purity, beauty and simplicity in his life that endeared him to all who were honored with his friendship; and that to his learning and labors we owe, in a great measure, the simplicity, system, and comparative completeness of our judiciary. The meeting was also addressed by the Rev. S. E. Bishop and G. D. Gilman, Esq., both of whom, in language simple and expressive, testified their high appreciation of the exalted character of the deceased, and the loss the nation is called upon to mourn in his death.

A Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Farwell, Treadway and Gilman, were then appointed to draw up resolutions to be submitted at an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday next at nine o'clock.

Accordingly, at the appointed hour this morning, there was a large attendance, embracing nearly all the foreign residents of Lahaina, when Mr. Farwell, on behalf of the Committee, read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the intelligence of the death of the Hon. William L. Lee, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this kingdom, has created in this community feelings of deep and unaffected regret—regret that one so pure in life, so gifted, and so generally esteemed for his public and private virtues, should be called away in the prime of manhood, and at a time when the nation can so ill afford the loss of his sound judgment, legal erudition, and temperate counsels.

Resolved, That for the character of the deceased as a jurist and a christian gentleman, in this community his ever entertained feelings of mingled admiration and regret.

Resolved, That this community would respectfully tender to his Majesty their sincere condolence at the loss he has sustained in the death of him who in life labored so earnestly to elevate the dignity of the kingdom, and promote the welfare of its people.

Resolved, That this community tender to the heads of his Majesty's Government their sympathy in the loss of a colleague, whose reputation as head of the Judiciary Department was not confined to the kingdom alone, but was acknowledged with confidence and approbation by the representatives of every civilized country in coming to this.

Resolved, That recognizing, as this community does, the sacred character of the grief of her who mourns a bereavement so far greater even than our own, it is with reluctant diffidence that we approach to offer to her our heartfelt sympathy and testimony to the virtues and amenities that have rendered her departed husband generally respected and beloved while among us.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to his Majesty, and to the widow of the deceased, and that he forward copies to the *Polynesian* and *Commercial Advertiser* newspapers for publication.

J. C. FARWELL, Secretary.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

SIR:—In the leading article of the *Advertiser* of this week, it is assumed that it was the intent of the framers of the Constitution that "the Chancellor of the Kingdom" should be *ex officio*, "an officer invested with judicial powers, and particularly with the superintendence of all charters, letters and other official writings of the crown, that required to be solemnly authenticated," and as a consequence that he should be "the keeper of the Great Seal and highest officer of the crown, and keeper of the King's conscience," but that "the office has not become so prominent as it is held in England." Justice to the memory of Judge Lee forbids such assumption.

When he prepared the draft of the Constitution, it was adopted, it was a conceded fact that it was to continue to fill the judicial office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Chancellor of the Kingdom; and when he framed the 86th Article, declaring that "The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be the Chancellor of the Kingdom," he took good care to limit the powers of the officer, by declaring that he should "exercise such jurisdiction in equity or other cases as the law may confer on him, his decisions being subject, however, to the revision of the Supreme Court, on appeal."

Better language could not be adopted for the purpose intended, and no where in the Constitution, or the laws of the land, is the Chancellor spoken of as a political officer. It was never Judge Lee's intention that the Chancellor, as such, should have any political power, and although he merited and received the confidence of his Majesty as a man, if he was ever his political adviser it was not because of his official station, and it was at his option to give or withhold his counsel in relation to the administration of the government.

As one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, he might be required to give his opinion upon important questions of law and upon solemn occasions, but was on an equality with all others of the Justices in that respect.

It would be unjust, therefore, to the memory of one who never sought for, nor shrunk from responsibility, that it should be understood that it was his intent in framing the Constitution to provide that, *ex officio*, he was to be invested with any political power; and, could he speak from the grave, it is not to be doubted that he would declare that the Scales of Justice should be held by a hand not made tremulous by political responsibility, and that it was desirable that the Chief Justice and Chancellor of the Kingdom should only exercise powers as a Law and Equity Judge, subject always to be controlled by the Associate Justices.

Honolulu, 5 June, 1857.

Buncombe Redivivus.

After a period of mental torpor—of literary syncope, superinduced by incautiously going to sleep with a file of the *Advertiser* under my head, I have been once more brought to a state of semi-consciousness by the strenuous exertions of my inseparable friend Bunsby, ably seconded by his cousin Muggins. During my protracted state of abstraction, Bunsby has become, if possible, more stultified in his intellects than ever.

"Does the Chancellor," inquired he, "keep the King's conscience in his breeches pocket?"

"I am not surprised, my dear Bunsby," quoth I, "at thy lamentable ignorance of the nature and manner of keeping a conscience, for, poor soul, thy acquaintance in that line has not extended beyond the present company, and I dare swear that thine unperceptive vision would not be able to detect the smallest semblance of the article in the writer of the leader which thou hast just perused. But, natheless, it is supposed by those curious in forgotten lore that the individual in question once possessed a conscience, and possibly may still, but that from its delicate state of health he keeps it well out of sight of mind, so that thou and I are never the wiser for its existence. But the King, God bless him, Bunsby, has a conscience which is healthy and sound—will stand inspection and exposure to the atmosphere, and I opine it is the duty of the Chancellor to give it a public airing occasionally."

Muggins here interrupted our conversation by inquiring "If the half-moth-eaten man-of-war, with the permanently standing slumbering French Emperor and the alcoves of treaties and protocols and idiosyncracies were supposed to have any connexion with the tail of the comet?"

"O Muggins!" exclaimed I, admiringly, "thou art as skilled in metaphysical and hyperborean bathos as Bunsby is deficient! I am confident thou hast latent qualifications, which time and study of the *Advertiser* only will mature. A little more practice, and thou wilt be perfect in the style hyalutin, and possess the wonderful power (which was once confined to professors of the black art,) of blowing hot and cold with the same breath, and with a simple presto! creating a subject of public approval out of the elements of an eye-sore!"

Muggins feels encouraged, and has taken to hard study.

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